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*Ngātikahu ki
Whangaroa*

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Ngā mihi ki a koutou. This is an update on our Trust Board Meeting of February 23rd, held at Jet Park Inn, in Mangere. Why you may ask? That is because our Trustees come from Wellington, Palmerston North, and Auckland, with only two Trustees (Sandra Heihei, Roger Kingi), and our Administration Manager (Mike Erihe), living in the rohe. This month, we had meetings with Minister Shane Jones to discuss the Provincial Growth Fund. He brought along Ben Dalton from Ministry of Primary Industries and Mike Candy, an advisor on forestry. We also welcomed Sir Mark Solomon, and others from the Māori Carbon Foundation. Pictured below from left, back row) are: Makere Karatea (Otangaroa Trustee), Mike Candy, Jevan Goulter, Managing Director of Māori Carbon Foundation, Roger Kingi (Te Kōmanga Trustee), Sir Mark Solomon, Chair of Māori Carbon Foundation. Front left: Norm McKenzie (Waitaruke Trustee and Deputy-Chair), businesswoman and Māori Carbon Foundation Trustee, Michelle Boag, Ella Henry (Mangatowai Trustee, and Chair), Mike Erihe, Administrative Manager, and Glendith Samson (Waimahana Trustee). Absent is Teresa Tepania-Ashton (Waihapa Trustee), who was a little busy at Matatini in Wellington that weekend.

Whilst there was a lot of administrative discussion, like planning for our AGM in June, investing the capital from our settlement, and where we might setup an office on our tribal lands, much of the discussion focused on economic development opportunities. See below for more detail.



Ko Mamaru Te Waka

Ko Kahukuraariki

Te Whaea o Te Iwi

This is a brief summary of some of the discussions we held at the February 23rd Trust Hui.

Iwi Chairs Forum

On January 31st and February 1st, Ella, Sandra and Mike attended the Iwi Chairs Forum being held at the Copthorne, Waitangi. The Forum provides an opportunity for Iwi Chairs from around the country to share their views, conduct research on important issues, and develop research and ideas economic, social, cultural, and political strategies. We have yet to confirm our status as full members of the Forum and continue to work on that issue.

Commercial Advisors Scheme

The Trust has been successful securing a Commercial Advisors Grant from MBIE, to bring in commercial advisors to help with our economic development strategy. We are working with Alan Groves from Tuia Innovation, and in coming weeks, will be visiting the rohe and along the coastline, to explore aquaculture, high-end horticulture, forestry, honey and eco-tourism opportunity. It is a very exciting time!

Provisional Growth Fund

Minister Shane Jones attended our Hui, with Ben Dalton and Mike Candy from the Ministry of Primary Industries, to discuss a potential Provision Growth Fund application. We will be pursuing this opportunity, conducting research, and talking to advisors about whether this is right for our Iwi. There are job and small business opportunities arising from the PGF.

Carbon Trading

At our meeting, Sir Mark Solomon and a small group of people from the Māori Carbon Foundation presented an opportunity to participate in the carbon trading market. This could complete a PGF application. There are pros and cons for both opportunities, and we will be exploring these in coming months.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is scheduled for June 2nd at Waitaruke Marae. One of our Trust Deed requirements is a review of the Trust Deed, and we have engaged Toko Kapea, of Tuia Group, to advise us on the process. We will be sending a mail-out to all our beneficiaries, those registered with the Trust, in coming weeks, to explain the process and how you can participate.

Our Website

Those of you who have visited our website, www.kahukuraariki.co.nz may have noticed it is out of date. We have engaged Iulia Leilua, of Brown Pages, to advise us on updating and further developing the website. We want it to be, not only an information point for all the Iwi, but also a place where you can connect, communicate and celebrate each other.